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Pottery training centres.

* 210 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of pottery training centres in the State;

(*b*) the number of students trained from each centre so far; and

(*c*) how many among the students are from Malabar and South Kanara?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" (*a*) Nil.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—" സർ, ഒരു pottery training centre മലബാറിൽ തളിപ്പറമ്പിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. abolish ചെയ്യുവാനുള്ള കാരണം ദയവു് ചെയ്തു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി പറയുമോ ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" Sir, I would like to have notice regarding the reasons for the abolition of that centre. But I may tell the hon. Member that the Director of Industries has been asked to prepare a comprehensive scheme for starting training centres in pottery."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY:—" In view of the availability of large quantity of clay and in view of the fact that a large number of people are engaged in pottery manufacture in South Kanara district, may I request the Government to open a pottery training centre in that district? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" I may assure the hon. Member that the Director of Industries will take that aspect into consideration when he prepares the scheme."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—" May I know whether in these training centres nothing with indigenous designs is manufactured or pottery of English fashion such as cups and saucers, etc.? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" What is required by consumers will be manufactured."

SRI M. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—" May I know whether the Government have any plan to help this important pottery industry? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" I have just answered that we are preparing a comprehensive scheme for starting training centres in pottery."

Convictions under the Madras Prohibition Act in the Salem district.

* 211 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state how many were arrested and convicted in the year 1952–53 for Prohibition offences in Salem district? 9·10 a.m.